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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: JOHN F. T. CONROY, M.E. POWER, AND P. M. NORRIS

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**RESPONSE**

In response to the action mailed January 14, 2004, please reconsider the application in light of the following:

Amendments to the claims reflected in the **Listing of the Claims** beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** beginning on page 5 of this paper.

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